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For: "Diagnosis and Treatment of Vascular Disease"

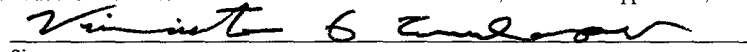
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as requested below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph at line 1 of page 1 of the specification, after the title:

-- **Related Applications**

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/317,178, filed on September 5, 2001 and to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/329,958 filed on October 16, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.--

At page 117, line 1, please replace the title with the following title:

Diagnosis And Treatment Of Vascular Disease

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to include a reference to priority applications at line 1, page 1 of the specification. The title listed at line 1, page 117 of the specification has also been amended to reflect to correct title of the application. *No new matter has been added.*

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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Diagnosis And Treatment Of Vascular Disease

~~Detection of Polymorphisms Associated with Vascular Disease~~